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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS COVERAGE ON WASHINGTON DEVELOPMENTS

1. MILLIYET'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SAMI KOHEN SUNDAY AND MONDAY (FEB. 8,9) REPORTED IN TWO ARTICLES ON THE SITUATION IN WASHINGTON IN REGARD TO U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE MATTERS. ON SUNDAY (FEB 8) KOHEN SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY HAD BEEN POSTPONED FOR A WEEK. REPORTEDLY THE DELAY WAS ARRANGED SO THAT DEBATES WOULD NOT EMBARRASS EITHER THE ADMINISTRATION OR FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL DURING HIS EXPECTED VISIT. ACCORDING TO KOHEN, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SEEM CERTAIN THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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WILL TAKE A LESS RESTRICTIVE DECISION ON ARMS AID THAN THE

SENATE. EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY ARE LOBBYING VERY HEAVILY IN THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TOWARDS THIS END.

2. IN MONDAY (FEB 9) MILLIYET KOHEN REPORTED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BEGIN HIS TALKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ON WEDNESDAY AND THAT HE WOULD SEE PRESIDENT FORD THE SAME DAY. AGAIN CITING WASHINGTON OFFICIALS, KOHEN REPORTED THAT THE AMERICANS ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THIS VISIT AND THAT SIGNING OF A TREATY ON THE BASES MAY BE EXPECTED. ACCORDING TO KOHEN, THE OFFICIALS REPORTED THAT EXTENSIVE PROGRESS WAS ACHIEVED AT THE ANKARA TECHNICAL LEVEL TALKS AND THAT AN OUTLINE OF A DRAFT TREATYNTAS DEFINED. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE REPORT CONTINUED, THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS ON THE MILITARY SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEES REQUESTED BY TURKEY FROM THE U.S., IN RETURN FOR BENEFITS ACCRUING FROM THE BASES IN TURKEY. THE REPORT ADDED THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE IS CAUTIOUS IN USING THE TERMS "GUARANTEE" AND "INDEMNITY" AND THAT SOME CONCILIATORY FORMULAS HAVE BEEN FOUND WHICH MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN THE WASHINGTON TALKS. BERGUS

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